

CHAPTER 11
PULL-TAB GENERAL RULES

705—11.1(99E) Authorization of pull-tab games. The lottery board authorizes the lottery to sell pull-tab tickets which meet the criteria specified in this chapter.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 99E.9(3) and 99E.9(3) “b.”

705—11.2(99E) Definitions. As used in this chapter the following definitions are applicable.

“*Low-tier prizes*” are prizes which are included in the guaranteed low-end prize structure of a pull-tab game.

“*Pull-tab tickets*” are instant lottery tickets that are played by opening tabs to reveal if a prize was won. “Pull-tab tickets” do not include “scratch tickets” that are played by removing a rub-off covering from the play area.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 99E.9(3) and 99E.9(3) “b.”

705—11.3(99E) Pull-tab ticket price. The lottery shall specify the price of pull-tab tickets in the specific game rules for each game.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 99E.9(3).

705—11.4(99E) Method of play. Each pull-tab ticket shall have tabs under which play symbols shall appear. A winning ticket shall be determined by matching, aligning, adding, or locating symbols or numbers under the tabs.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 99E.9(3), 99E.9(3) “b,” and 99E.9(3) “e.”

705—11.5(99E) Ticket validation requirements.

11.5(1) Winning tickets shall be validated by use of a symbol, number, or color-coded marking. A ticket is not valid if it fails to meet any of the following requirements. The ticket must:

- a. Have been issued by the Iowa Lottery in an authorized manner.
- b. Not be altered, unreadable, reconstructed, or tampered with in any manner.
- c. Not be counterfeit in whole or in part.
- d. Not be stolen or appear on any list of omitted tickets on file with the lottery.
- e. Be complete and not blank or partially blank, miscut, misregistered, defective, or printed in error.
- f. Have the exact play symbols and captions specified in the specific game rules.
- g. Pass all validation tests including confidential validation tests.

If a ticket is invalid when sold it is not eligible to receive any prize, and the purchaser’s sole remedy is to submit the ticket to lottery headquarters to obtain a refund of the retail sale price. The lottery shall have no liability or responsibility for tickets invalidated after the time of sale.

The commissioner may, in the commissioner’s sole discretion, choose to pay a sum equal to the prize on an invalid ticket if the lottery is able to determine the prize which would have been won on the invalid ticket by use of a symbol, number, color code or other mechanism. The commissioner’s determinations that a ticket is valid or invalid, that a ticket was valid when sold and was subsequently invalidated, and whether a sum equal to the prize on an invalid ticket will be paid shall be final.

11.5(2) Reserved.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 99E.9(3), 99E.9(3) “b,” 99E.9(3) “e,” 99E.9(3) “f” and 99E.19.

705—11.6(99E) Prizes. The number and the amount of prizes shall be determined by the lottery and set forth by the specific game rules.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 99E.9(3).

705—11.7(99E) Disclosure of odds. The overall probability of purchasing a winning ticket shall be stated on the ticket.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 99E.9(3) and 99E.9(3) “j.”

705—11.8(99E) Prize claims. All prizes must be claimed only at the place of business of the retailer which sold the ticket. Prizes must be claimed prior to the retailer’s first close of business following the sale of the ticket. The winning ticket must be submitted to the retailer to obtain payment of any prize.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 99E.9(3), 99E.9(3) “b,” 99E.9(3) “e,” and 99E.19.

705—11.9(99E) Owner of ticket. Retailers shall pay prizes only to persons who present winning tickets. The person in physical possession of a pull-tab ticket shall be deemed to be the owner of the ticket who is entitled to prize payment regardless of any signature or other writing which may have been placed on the ticket after purchase.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 99E.9(3), 99E.9(3) “b,” 99E.9(3) “e,” and 99E.19.

705—11.10(99E) Disputed claim. If a purchaser and a retailer cannot agree as to whether a prize should be paid on any ticket, the purchaser may submit the ticket to any lottery office. The commissioner’s determination as to whether a prize shall be awarded is final.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 99E.9(3), 99E.9(3) “b,” 99E.9(3) “e,” and 99E.19.

705—11.11(99E) Lottery logo. All pull-tab tickets sold by the Iowa Lottery shall be conspicuously marked with the logo of the lottery.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 99E.9(3).

705—11.12(99E) End of game. The commissioner shall announce the end of any pull-tab game or games.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 99E.9(3).

705—11.13(99E) Board approval of game. After selection of a particular pull-tab game, the lottery shall provide board members with written notification that a particular game has been selected. The chairperson of the board or a quorum of the board may call a meeting to review the game selection. If the lottery board does not disapprove of the game within five working days following receipt of notice that the game has been selected, the board may not later disapprove of the game.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 99E.9(3) and 99E.9(3) “b.”

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